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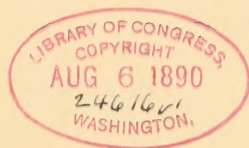






✻ MARY'S ✻ VISION. ✻

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Well she knew the babe she worshipped
For no common lot was born;
By presentiment of torture
Was her heart with anguish torn?—



Bending o'er her God-given treasure,
With a mother's hopes and fears,
Did she feel the chilling shadow
Of the cross of future years?

Let us hope to her were granted
Other visions, fairer far,
Shining out through nights of torture,
Bright as Bethlehem's guiding star.



That she raised the mystic curtain
Hiding wonders yet to come,
Saw the birthday of her darling
Sanctified in every home.

Heard the cry of Merry Christmas:

Saw the millions filled with joy

At the happy, hallowed season

Kept in memory of her boy.



Knew that hearts grown cold and selfish,
Generous, helpful, true became,
Stirred to higher, nobler impulse
At the sound of her child's name.

Heard the glorious hymn of promise,
Sung by angel choirs then,
Echo through all coming ages
"Peace on earth, good-will to men."

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